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PRODUCTION

ANNOUNCER

ENGINEER

REMARKS

1. ANNOUNCER: Uncle Sam's Forest Rangers
2. MUSIC: Ranger Song
3. ANNOUNCER: This is vacation time. And here in the United States
4. with our great forests, parks and beaches so easily
5. accessible we have the finest vacation facilities in the world. Escape
6. from the heat, escape from the incessant noise and hurry and flurry
7. of cities, escape from the humdrum existence of everyday living, and
8. escape from our very selves is somehow, somewhere available for all of
9. us. Take the National Forests for instance. Opportunities for outdoor
10. recreation offered by our National Forests cover the entire field of
11. American forest sports and diversions. For extent, variety, and
12. interest they are unequalled by any other public forest system anywhere
13. in the world. And best of all, the recreation opportunities offered
14. by the National Forests are inexpensive and informal -- open to
15. enjoyment by everyone. One of the National Forests, and sometimes
16. several, can be reached from practically any locality in the Nation
17. within a few hours, or, at most, a day's driving time. So the United
18. States Forest Service welcomes you to the National Forests --- our
19. land of trees, and mountains, and lakes, and streams, and undisturbed
20. solitude -- where you can leave the rest of the world behind. Let's
21. get out in the wide open spaces, in the open air and the sun, with our
22. feet on the ground and our eyes on the sky, and rest and dream and
23. absorb all the inspiration and strength these National Forests of ours
24. have to offer. That's the kind of a vacation we all need and want and
25. will never forget.

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1. ANNOUNCER: (CONTINUED) But now let's get along to the Pine Cone
2. National Forest. Here's something. It's Jerry Quick's
3. birthday today and as we look in now we find our
4. friends Ranger Jim Robbins, and his wife Bess, and the
5. local school-teacher, Mary Halloway, making
6. arrangements to give Jerry a little surprise party.
7. Here they are now in the dining room of the ranger
8. station. . . .
9. BESS: (FADING IN) Don't you think the table looks nice,
10. Jim? I certainly hope Jerry appreciates it after all
11. the work Mary's gone to to fix it up.
12. JIM: (CHUCKLES) I don't know about Jerry but it looks
13. plenty good to me. Looks more like a weddin' party
14. though, than a birthday party, with all these flowers
15. around.
16. MARY: Well, Jerry likes flowers, Mr. Robbins. He's told me
17. so several times.
18. BESS: Did you get the candles for the cake, Mary?
19. MARY: Yes. I put them out there in the kitchen, Mrs. Robbins.
20. Everything's ready now except to put the food on the
21. table.
22. JIM: What's this going to be --a party just for the four of
23. us?
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1. BESS: Yes Jim. I wanted Mary to ask several of the other young
2. people in from around town but she thought Jerry would
3. like it better this way.
4. MARY: It's getting late. Shouldn't Jerry be back from the
5. lookout pretty soon?
6. JIM: He ought to be along most anytime now, Mary. He called
7. in about two o'clock and said he had the mapboard all
8. fixed up at the lookout station and was headin' for home
9. right away. Fact is I sort of figured he'd be here long
10. before now.
11. MARY: Do you think he'll really be surprised when he sees all
12. the decorations and the cake and everything, Mr. Robbins?
13. JIM: (CHUCKLES) Well if he isn't he'd better act like he is
14. anyway, or things are liable to go pretty hard for him.
15. BESS: Oh Jim, of course Jerry will be surprised. He's not like
16. you. He notices nice things that other people do for him.
17. MARY: Doesn't Mr. Robbins like parties, Mrs. Robbins?
18. BESS: Oh yes Mary, but Jim never notices a thing. He just takes
19. everything for granted. I never saw such a man. I fixed
20. a big birthday dinner and a cake for him once and he ate
21. the whole meal thinking it was my birthday instead of his.
22. MARY: (LAUGHS) I can imagine how you must have felt.
23. JIM: How she felt! How do you think I felt, Mary? I haven't
24. heard the last of that birthday party yet.
25. SOUND OF APPROACHING CAR OFF MIKE

1. MARY: That must be Jerry coming up the road right now. You go
2. on outside and meet him, Mr. Robbins, and take him in the
3. office.
4. BESS: Yes, Jim. You get hold of Jerry and keep him out of here
5. until we're all ready for him. We want this to be a real
6. surprise.
7. JIM: Aren't you even going to give him a chance to change his
8. shirt and wash his hands? He's been working.
9. BESS: Now go on Jim and don't argue. Jerry can clean up later.
10. You go on out and meet him and take him in the office or
11. somewhere and keep him there 'till I call supper.
12. SOUND OF CAR MUCH CLOSER
13. MARY: Hurry up, Mr. Robbins. There's Jerry turning in the gate
14. right now.
15. JIM: (FADING - CHUCKLES) All right, but don't blame me if
16. Jerry comes busting in here anyway.
17. SOUND OF DOOR CLOSING
18. SOUND OF CAR PULLING TO A STOP AND MOTOR CUT OFF
19. JERRY: (OFF) Hi, Jim.
20. JIM: (SLIGHTLY RAISED VOICE) Well, bucko, where you been all
21. afternoon? I thought you told me over the telephone you
22. were heading straight home.
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1. JERRY: (SLIGHTLY OFF) I got sidetracked on the way down the
2. mountain, Jim. (SOUND OF CAR DOOR SLAMMING) Comin' down
3. past old Buccaneer Smith's place I decided to stop in
4. there and see what was goin' on.
5. JIM: H-m-m. How're they gettin' along up there? Last time I
6. came by there they had things torn up from one end of the
7. place to the other.
8. JERRY: Well by George, Jim, you'd hardly recognize the place now.
9. They've remodeled the old place 'till it looks like a
10. reg'lar Swiss castle. The company that took over up there
11. is pourin' money into the place hand over fist -- they're
12. really going into the resort business in a big way.
13. JIM: Uh huh, I reckon they are Jerry. But it ought to make a
14. fine summer resort.
15. JERRY: Yeah, but it's going to take a lot of customers to pay
16. out on that spread. It looks to me like they've gone in a
17. little over their heads.
18. JIM: Maybe so, Jerry, but there's a lot of people come to this
19. Forest for vacations and I s'pect there's room for
20. another good resort around here.
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1. JERRY: Yeah, they got plenty around here in the national forest
2. to attract visitors all right --- scenery, and fishing,
3. and hunting, and camping and picnicking in the summer time
4. and skiing in the winter -- but what they need is
5. somebody that knows the national forest to show the
6. visitors around. What they really need up there Jim, is
7. somebody like you for a manager.

8. JIM: I reckon they'll find a good manager. The folks at the
9. head of it seem to know their business.

10. JERRY: (LAUGHS) Yeah, I guess they...(SUDDENLY) Hey! Did you
11. get a whiff of that? It smells like Mrs. Robbins is
12. bakin' a cake or something.

13. JIM: (CHUCKLES) You're not hungry are you, Jerry?

14. JERRY: Hungry! I sure am. I could eat the hind quarter of an
15. elephant and holler for more. Come on, let's go see how
16. supper's comin' along.

17. JIM: Well, I don't think it's ready yet, Jerry. I was just in
18. there tryin' to mooch a cookie and they threw me out.
19. They? What do you mean "they"? Have we got company
20. tonight?

21. JIM: Huh? Oh. What I meant was Bess put me out, Jerry.

22. JERRY: Well, I guess I better find out how long it's going to be
23. before supper's ready. If I've got time I'll go and take
24. a shower and clean up a little bit. U-m-m boy. Does
25. that cake smell good!

1. JIM: (CHUCKLES) Yeah. It's just like openin' a barrel of
2. honey in front of a hungry bear. But I'm warning you
3. you'd better not go near it 'till Bess gives us the word.
4. SOUND OF FOOTSTEPS MOUNTING STEPS AND ON PORCH
5. JERRY: Well I'm going to take a chance on it, Jim. I want to
6. take a look at what she's got in the oven anyway. So if
7. I get thrown out you can gather up the pieces and bring
8. me in again.
9. JIM: No, Wait a minute Jerry. Let's go in the office first
10. and have a look at that map you made today.
11. JERRY: I'll only be a minute, Jim. You go ahead, and I'll be
12. right back. The map's in my pack-sack right there in the
13. seat of the car.
14. SOUND OF FOOTSTEPS ON PORCH FOLLOWED BY DOOR OPENING.
15. MARY: (STARTLED) Jerry! This was supposed to be a surprise!
16. JERRY: (SURPRISED) Well Mary! This is a surprise. What's
17. going on here? It looks like somebody was gettin'
18. married. What's the occasion anyhow?
19. BESS: (COMING ON) Jerry quick, you weren't supposed to come in
20. here 'til you were called.
21. JERRY: Gee whiz, Mrs. Robbie, what's going on? Jim didn't tell
22. me a thing. I ...
23. MARY: Oh Jerry. Don't you know?
24. JERRY: Know? Know what? I don't know anything. I been up on
25. top of a mountain all day.

1. BESS: Now didn't I tell you, Mary? I told you he'd forget all
2. about it.

3. JERRY: Forget? Forget what? Goodnight, you two, tell me what's
4. going on.

5. MARY: Well Jerry, can't you guess? (LAUGHS) Oh silly, don't
6. screw up your face like that. It's your birthday.

7. JERRY: Well for ... well by George ... that's right, it is. I
8. forgot all about it. And you and Mrs. Robbins did all
9. this just for me?

10. JIM: (SLIGHTLY OFF) Hey Jerry. How'd you make out in there?
11. Is it safe for me to come in?

12. JERRY: Aw Jim. You knew about it all the time. Why didn't you
13. tell me?

14. JIM: (COMING ON UP STEPS AND ACROSS PORCH CHUCKLING) Well I
15. figured you wouldn't remember it, Jerry. But I had orders
16. not to tell you anything about it. How does it feel to
17. be a year older?

18. JERRY: Aw, I can't tell a bit of difference. But I don't know
19. what to say. Gee, Mrs. Robbins, you and Mary shouldn't
20. have gone to all this trouble just for me. I -- I don't
21. know what to say. I never had a birthday party like this
22. before. Not since I was a little kid.

23. MARY: Are you really surprised, Jerry? Do you really like it?

1. JERRY: Like it? Well say, you just wait and I'll show you what
2. I like it. And I never will be able to get even with
3. you, Mrs. Robbins. I just can't even begin to thank you.
4. JIM: Well, suppose you go on and get cleaned up, and let's
5. get something to eat. You said you were starved -- what
6. do you think about me?
7. JERRY: (LAUGHS) Okay, Jim. I won't be more than a minute, but
8. I still can't believe it's a party just for me.
9. BESS: Your clean clothes are all laid out on the bed for you,
10. Jerry. Don't be long, now. The food's all ready to set
11. on the table and we want to eat it while it's ----
12. (SMOTHERED) U-m-m-m-m.
13. JERRY: There --- there's a big hug for you, Mrs. Robbins, and ---
14. MARY: (SQUEALS) Oh Jerry (SMOTHERED) U-m-m-m-m.
15. JERRY: Mary there's one for you.
16. MARY: Why, Jerry!
17. SOUND OF FOOTSTEPS RUNNING OFF
18. JERRY: (FADING) Go on and sit down Jim. I won't take a minute.
19. MARY: Ooh. I was afraid Jerry wouldn't be much impressed with
20. just a few little decorations and a cake, but he certainly
21. seems to be. Don't you think he was surprised, Mrs.
22. Robbins?
23. BESS: I certainly do, Mary. He just about squeezed all the wind
24. out of me.
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1. JIM: Well come on here, let's get the grub on the table. I ...

2. SOUND OF KNOCK ON DOOR

3. BESS: Land alive, that's somebody at the front door. I wonder
4. who that can be right here at supper time.

5. JIM: I'll see who it is, Bess. You and Mary go ahead getting
6. the food on the table.

7. SOUND OF DOOR OPENING SLIGHTLY OFF

8. SHORT INDISTINGUISHABLE MURMUR OF VOICE OFF MIXED WITH SOUND OF
9. SILVERWARE AND DISHES ON

10. MARY: Mr. Robbins is going to serve isn't he, Mrs. Robbins?

11. BESS: (SLIGHTLY OFF) Yes Mary. You can put all the plates
12. there at his place at the head of the table.

13. SOUND OF DOOR CLOSING AND FOOTSTEPS COMING ON

14. MARY: Who was it, Mr. Robbins?

15. JIM: It was the little Evans kid, Mary. He brought a special
16. delivery letter up from the postoffice for Jerry.

17. MARY: A special delivery letter for Jerry? It must be something
18. pretty important.

19. BESS: (COMING ON) I certainly hope it doesn't mean trouble.
20. Telegrams and special delivery letters always scare me
21. half to death.

22. SOUND OF FOOTSTEPS COMING DOWN STAIRS VERY RAPIDLY

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1 JERRY: (COMING ON) Bring on the birthday cake, Mrs. Robbins.

2 Here I am -- all washed and dressed in nothing flat.

3 Come on Mary, there's another

4 MARY: Jerry --- be careful! You'll make me spill the water.

5 JIM: Here's a special delivery letter for you, Jerry. Marty

6 Evans just brought it up from town while you were upstairs.

7 MARY: What do you suppose it can be, Jerry?

8 JERRY: H-h-m. Postmarked Denver. I'll be doggoned if I know

9 what it is. (SOUND OF ENVELOPE BEING TORN OPEN) Maybe

10 it's a birthday greeting from somebody.

11 SOUND OF PAPER RATTLING

12 BESS: I certainly hope it isn't anything serious, Jerry.

13 JERRY: (AWED) For the love of mud, Jim! Boy talk about a

14 surprise, this is a surprise. Now how do you suppose

15 they ever came to consider me.

16 MARY: For goodness sakes, Jerry. What is it?

17 JERRY: What is it! It's a letter from the Double Arrow Dude

18 Ranch Association offering me a job. Me of all people.

19 MARY: The Double Arrow Association -- why they're the ones who

20 bought the old Smith place and are making it over into a

21 resort.

22 JERRY: Yeah. Jim and I were just talking about it --- And they

23 want me to be their chief dude wrangler up there. Here

24 Jim, read it. I'm so weak and excited I can hardly stand
25 up.

1 MARY: Can I see it too, Jerry?

2 JERRY: Sure you and Mrs. Robbins can read it. We're all in the
3 family and it'll take the help of the whole family to
4 answer it. It's a cinch I don't know what to do.

5 JIM: H-m-m. That's a mighty attractive offer, Jerry. It means
6 almost a thousand dollars a year more than you're getting
7 with the Forest Service now.

8 MARY: And living quarters included for wife and family.

9 BESS: Oh Jerry, you and Mary can ---

10 JERRY: But what I can't understand is how they ever happened to
11 figure on me. How come they're offering me the job?

12 JIM: Well Jerry, I think I can answer that. Bill Mason was in
13 to see me along about three weeks back and --- now Bess,
14 this is something you didn't know -- he offered me the
15 manager's job up there and wanted you, Jerry, for an
16 assistant. Well I turned the job down. It was more money
17 but I just figured I'd rather trail along here with the
18 Forest Service. Then he asked me if I had any objections
19 to them offerin' you the dude wranglin' job anyway. And
20 of course I couldn't stand in the way of you getting an
21 offer like that --- so there you are. I didn't say
22 anything about it because I thought maybe nothing would
23 come of it.

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1. MARY: Oh Jerry, isn't it wonderful! It's almost too wonderful
2. to be true. And right on your birthday too!
3. JERRY: But what am I going to do? I don't want to leave the
4. Forest Service. Jim, what would you do?
5. JIM: Well Jerry, you've got two weeks to think it over and --
6. well -- as far as I'm concerned I'm not going to try and
7. influence you one way or another. This is something I'm
8. going to leave entirely up to you.
9. MUSIC: FINALE
10. ANNOUNCER: Well, this is a surprise, all right. Sounds like a big
11. chance for Jerry. What do you suppose he's going to do?
12. --- Uncle Sam's Forest Rangers comes to you on the
13. National Farm and Home Hour each Friday as a presentation
14. of the National Broadcasting Company with the cooperation
15. of the United States Forest Service.
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